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COMPLETED CONVERSATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEMBER STATES ON THIS ISSUE. MR. MAYNES
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HAD INFORMED ME THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS WERE HIGHLY USEFUL
IN LAYING OUT OUR RESPECTIVE CONCERNS.

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR OWN THOUGHTS ON THIS
MATTER. I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THE ILO HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL
PROGRESS IN SEVERAL AREAS SINCE 1975. MOST HEARTENING HAS
BEEN THE ABILITY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED FREE MARKET COUNTRIES

TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER. I WAS ALSO PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEMBER STATES TO PURSUE THE ISSUE OF ILO REFORM AS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN THEIR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY IN THE FUTURE.

WHATEVER OUR DECISION, WE VIEW THIS UNITY AS A VERY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN OUR TWO YEAR EFFORT. IT WILL BE FULLY REFLECTED IN OUR FINAL ASSESSMENT. WHATEVER OUR DECISION, IT WILL ALSO FAVORABLY AFFECT OUR FUTURE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ILO.

WE WILL CERTAINLY CONSULT FURTHER WITH YOU PRIOR TO ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR DECISION. WHATEVER THE FINAL OUTCOME, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR ISSUES. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE.
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VARIOUS AMERICAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING YOURSELF, IN A "HIGH LEVEL CABINET GROUP", I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE THAT MY COUNTRY ATTACHES TO THE UNITED STATES' REMAINING A MEMBER OF THIS INSTITUTION.

I NOTE THAT SIGNIFICANT, IF NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY, RESULTS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED SINCE YOUR COUNTRY INDICATED THAT IT INTENDED TO SET IN TRAIN THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO. IT SEEMS TO ME, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT CARRYING OUT THIS INTENTION WOULD DEAL A FATAL BLOW TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS UNDERTAKEN REFORM, NAMELY BY TAKING UNDER CONSIDERATION CERTAIN PROBLEMS THAT WE CRITICIZED AS HAD YOU YOURSELF.

I CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBILITIES THAT ARE STILL OFFERED TO THE WESTERN COUNTRIES BY THE ILO IN CERTAIN AREAS THAT ARE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE INDUSTRY COMMISSIONS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING PROBLEMS POSED BY INCREASED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION SHOULD BE LED TO HARMONIZE THE CONDITIONS OF THAT COMPETITION; A DEVELOPMENT WHICH CAN ONLY RESULT FROM CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. IN ANY CASE, IN SPITE OF THE FAIL-

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